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## ARMY OFFERS PAID INTERNSHIPS TO UNIVERSITY MED STUDENTS

Junior class medical students now in approved civilian medical schools will be offered internships in U. S. Army hospitals starting July 1, 1947, Major General Norman P. Kirk, The Surgeon General, announced.

These internships will differ from those offered medical school graduates for the 10 years prior to the war in that interns selected will be given a reserve commission of First Lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps. Under the former program, interns in Army hospitals were classified as civilian War Department personnel at an annual salary of about \$1,000.

Internships, under the present plan, will enable the intern to draw the salary of a First Lieutenant, or about \$3,404 annually if there are dependents. If the intern has no dependents, he will receive \$2,972 a year. These figures include rental allowances of about \$60 per month which are not paid when government quarters are furnished.

Designed to give the fifth or clinical year of training, the course will be of the conventional rotating type. This service in Army hospitals is recognized by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals of The American Medical Association, and State Boards of Registration which require the clinical year of training before granting a license to practice.

"Medical school graduates are assured of an interesting and profitable career in Army medicine if they elect to accept Regular Army commissions upon completion of the clinical internship in Army hospitals," Major General Norman P. Kirk, The Surgeon General, declared. "Selections will be based on scholastic attainment, physical fitness and aptitude for military service. We expect to produce outstanding doctors through our educational program."

In notifying Deans of accredited medical schools of the plan, The Surgeon General asked that they recommend men not only desirable as interns, but who will ultimately develop as Regular Army medical officers. A professional examination will not be required before the internship is accepted.

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## ARMY OFFERS PAID INTERNSHIPS TO UNIVERSITY MED STUDENTS (Continued)

Applications may be submitted by students through the Deans of their respective schools. They must reach the Office of The Surgeon General between June 5-15 this year. Each applicant who successfully qualifies will be notified not later than July 1. He must accept or reject the appointment not later than July 8. Application blanks may be obtained from the Deans of medical universities during May.

An applicant must conform to the basic requirements of being a United States citizen, a prospective 1947 graduate of a recognized school of medicine approved by the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals, not over 30 years of age on July 1, 1947, have no commitments to accept an internship appointment in any other institution and meet physical standards for appointment in the Medical Corps, U. S. Army. Physical qualifications are printed in Army Regulations 40-105.

### EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD ON MEDICAL HISTORY APPOINTED

The Surgeon General's Office has announced the appointment of an Editorial Advisory Board on the History of the Medical Department in World War II. As occasions demand, the Board will meet in Washington to review and discuss overall plans and policies for the preparation and publication of the history. The appointees include:

Colonel Albert G. Love, M.C., (Retired), Chairman, former director of the Historical Division, Office of The Surgeon General; Major General Paul R. Hawley, U.S.A., (Retired), Chief Medical Director, United States Veterans' Administration; Brigadier General Raymond A. Kelsner, U.S.A., (Retired), Dean, The School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania; Brigadier General Raymond W. Bliss, U.S.A., The Deputy Surgeon General, United States Army; Brigadier General Malcolm C. Grow, U.S.A., The Air Surgeon, Army Air Forces; Brigadier General S. Bayne-Jones, U.S.A., Deputy Chief, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General, Director, United States of America Typhus Commission; Colonel Paul I. Robinson, M.C.; Colonel Michael E. DeBakcy, M.C., Assistant Professor of Surgery (on leave), The School of Medicine, Tulane University; Lewis H. Weed, M.D., Director, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine; Morris Fishbein, M.D., Editor, "The Journal of the American Medical Association"; J. Ben Robinson, D.D.S., Dean, Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, Dental School, University of Maryland; Richard H. Shryock, Ph.D., Professor of American History, University of Pennsylvania; Major John J. Lentz, Jr., M.A.C., Recorder (without vote), Historical Division, Office of The Surgeon General.

Colonel J. H. McNinch, M.C., Director, Historical Division, Office of The Surgeon General, has announced that the first meeting of the Board will be held on 9 May 1946. It is believed that the views and opinions of the Board will contribute importantly toward making the history equally valuable to civilian and military physicians and workers in allied sciences.



## EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD ON MEDICAL HISTORY APPOINTED (Continued)

Colonel McNinch has also announced that a group of consultants drawn from the fields of internal medicine, surgery, neuropsychiatry, preventive medicine and other specialties will be appointed to assist the editor of the history in recording the war-time advances made in each of these fields. Personnel selected to serve as consultants will be announced at a later date.

## DISCHARGED MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS MAY HAVE ACTIVE DUTY

The door was open today for any discharged Medical Department officer to re-enter the service at his own request if he is given the green light by the Adjutant General's office.

Under Army Service Forces Circular No. 82, dated April 1, provision was made for the return to duty of specialists for either an unlimited tour of duty or until June 30, 1947. Quotas have been allotted the medical, dental, medical administrative, veterinary and sanitary corps and Medical Department dietitians.

Officers who return to duty under the plan would hold the same grade they held while on active duty prior to separation. Plans are under consideration at present to provide a permanent place in tables of organization for dietitians. Advisability of incorporating dietitians in the Army was demonstrated by their exceptional wartime accomplishments.

## REHABILITATION OF GENERAL PRISONERS DISCUSSED

At the Adjutant General's conference on military prisoners held in Washington from April 8-10, a special meeting was devoted to a discussion of psychiatric and psychological problems in the rehabilitation of general prisoners.

Problems were aired by visiting psychiatrists, clinical psychologists and NP Consultants Division representatives of The Surgeon General's Office with representatives of Correction Branch, AGO.

Brigadier General William C. Minninger, director of Neuropsychiatry Consultants, headed The Surgeon General's Office speakers. Major Saul Steinberg, M.C., and Lt. Max L. Hutt, M.A.C., also addressed the conference.

## CONSULTANT SYSTEM CONTINUED

Outstanding success of the system of appointing professional consultants in medical and allied specialties born during the war will be continued and extended, Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General of the Army, recently announced.



## CONSULTANT SYSTEM CONTINUED (Continued)

Consultants who have gained recognition in their fields will be designated by The Surgeon General in such specialities as internal medicine, surgery, neuro-psychiatry, preventive medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine and other special medical fields. Senior officers in those fields may recommend appointments in special subjects and the appropriate commissioned officers or qualified civilians for a consultant post.

"By continuing the system of employing consultants we will insure maintenance of the Army's high medical standards," General Kirk stated. "Consultants, acting as representatives of my office will evaluate, promote and improve the quality of medical care and sanitation."

Medical officers permanently assigned as professional consultants, in addition to other qualified persons, will serve as advisers to The Surgeon General. Their duties will include furthering the specialized educational program and maintaining the high standards in professional services at installations. Commanding officers may call upon them for professional advice and assistance.

Non-military consultants, upon their consent, may be ordered to active duty in the Officers' Reserve Corps or be given civilian appointments under authority vested in the Secretary of War.

Overseas commanders, in addition to utilizing appropriate medical officers within their commands as consultants, may procure professional advice from locally available civilian medical experts.

### SURGEON GENERAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANTS HONORED

Five prominent newspaper science writers and consultants to The Surgeon General of the Army, Major General Norman T. Kirk, on public relations were recently awarded the George Westinghouse Science Writing Award For Distinguished Service in Science Writing for Newspapers.

Awards were made at the 112th meeting of the American Association For The Advancement of Science in St. Louis, Missouri on March 27.

Medals were presented to Science Editors Howard W. Blakeslee, Associated Press; Robert D. Potter, "American Weekly"; David Dietz, Scripps-Howard Newspapers; Thomas R. Henry, "Washington Evening Star"; William L. Laurence, Science Writer, "New York Times".



## BRIGADIER GENERAL HAGINS AWARDED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Brigadier General William A. Hagins, former Chief Surgeon of the Sixth Army, who has received the Bronze Star and Legion of Merit for his service in World War II, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his work in providing "an efficient, smoothly functioning medical service during military operations in the Philippines" and in overcoming "the many threats to the health of both combat and service troops."

General Hagins is presently Eighth Service Command Surgeon, Dallas, Texas. Born in Bulloch County, Georgia, General Hagins entered on active duty with the Army Medical Corps as a First Lieutenant in 1917. He served overseas in World War I with the First Division. While serving as Regimental Surgeon with the Eighteenth Infantry, he received the Silver Star with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Croix de Guerre. He was on duty with U.S. occupation forces in Germany.

General Hagins has served at Walter Reed General Hospital, Edgewood Arsenal, Sternberg General Hospital in the Philippines, Camp John Hays in the Philippines, Fort Bragg, Fort Benning, and the Army War College. He was Surgeon of the Seventh Army Corps from January of 1942 to February of 1943, when he was appointed Chief Surgeon of the Sixth Army. In that capacity, he served in British New Guinea, Dutch New Guinea, Leyte, Luzon and the Philippine campaigns and with the occupation forces in Japan. He returned to the United States in February of this year.

General Hagins received his M.D. from the University of Georgia in 1914. He was graduated in the first class of the Army Medical School, and an honor graduate of the School of Aviation Medicine.

## DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION ORDERED FOR ETO, MTO PERSONNEL

Active diphtheria immunization will be required for all military personnel under 35 years of age assigned to permanent duty in European and Mediterranean theaters, Major General Norman T. Kirk, The Surgeon General of the Army, announced.

Insurance against spread of communicable diseases, the immunization program is in furtherance of the Army's preventive medicine policy. Enforced during the war and demobilization, the preventive policy is a precautionary measure.

Civilians in that age-group, including those in Army employ and civilian dependents, will also be immunized before going overseas. Those in all categories over 35 years are advised to avail themselves of the measure. Negative Schick tests will be accepted in lieu of immunization.

Other protective inoculations required before permanent assignment in these theaters are smallpox, typhoid and typhus. Tetanus immunization is required for all military personnel.



## DENTAL CORPS OFFICERS TO RECEIVE PROFESSIONAL GRADUATE EDUCATION

A program of professional graduate education for Dental Corps officers has been initiated by the Dental Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General, with future plans to authorize such a program in an Army Regulation.

The Surgeon General will exercise overall supervision of the program and will prescribe its general policies. Plans include the organization of special post-graduate courses at large permanent Army hospitals, Medical Department service schools, and at civilian teaching institutions.

The program is aimed at maintaining the high general level of professional qualifications of Dental Corps officers and providing enough qualified specialists in each branch of dentistry.

## COL. DURWARD G. HALL SUCCEEDED BY COL. F. P. KINTZ

Col. Durward G. Hall, MC, who has served 18 months as Chief of Personnel Service, Office of The Surgeon General, will take a refresher training course at Walter Reed General Hospital, prior to assignment to professional duty. He will be succeeded by Col. Francis P. Kintz, Acting Chief during Colonel Hall's absence overseas.

Col. Hall has just returned from a three-month survey of Army posts, staging areas, and medical installations in the European, Mediterranean and African theaters where he took part in a program to expedite the separation of eligible Medical Department personnel.

He made a similar inspection tour of the Pacific last year. On April 18, Col. Hall was awarded the Legion of Merit citation for his outstanding service in the Office of The Surgeon General.

Colonel Hall has been with the Personnel Service of The Surgeon General's Office over four years. He is a graduate of Rush Medical College in Chicago, Illinois, and received his A.B. degree from Drury College in his native city of Springfield, Missouri.

## GI PETS IMMUNIZED AND INSPECTED

Additional safeguards against importation of foreign diseases into the United States are being employed at overseas debarkation points as soldiers must have their acquired pets examined and vaccinated by a Veterinary Corps officer.

Monkeys, dogs, cats and any other animal a GI might plan to bring home will be inoculated with a Habel mouse-tested rabies vaccine. This must be done "not more than 180 days nor less than 30 days" before entry into the United States, according to a recent War Department order.



## GI PETS IMMUNIZED AND INSPECTED (Continued)

Animals infested with fleas, lice, ticks and other external parasites will be treated with insecticide powder. Pets will be closely examined for bacterial or parasitic diseases, nervous disturbances, skin lesions and jaundice. Monkeys will be minutely checked in areas where yellow fever is known to be present.

A certificate of health and vaccination signed by the examining officer must accompany each animal to these shores.

## OIL PORTRAIT OF GENERAL HART HUNG IN BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL

Portrait of Brigadier General W. Lee Hart, former Surgeon of the Eighth Service Command with headquarters at Dallas, Texas, hangs today in the lobby of Brooke General Hospital, Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

Recently retired after nearly 40 years of Army service, General Hart was a pioneer in Army medicine and reconditioning of war wounded. He also contributed much to research on cholera, typhoid fever, smallpox and meningitis. While in France during World War I he invented the unit ambulance car, the Glennon Bunk and the Hart serving cart and tray.

Always a champion of the enlisted man, General Hart is credited with experimental work on planning balanced menus in the Army and development of therapeutic swimming pools of which there is one now in the convalescent annex of Brooke General Hospital.

## ARRIVALS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

COLONEL CHARLES C. GILL, MC, of Balboa, California, formerly Headquarters, US Forces, European Theater of Operations, assigned to Personnel Service, Office of Chief.

COLONEL JOHN E. GORDON, MC, of Boston, Massachusetts, formerly MDRP, Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey, assigned to Historical Division.

COLONEL ASHLEY V. OUGHTERSON, MC, of New Haven, Connecticut, formerly Separation Center, Fort Devens, Massachusetts, assigned to Personnel Service, Office of Chief.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT L. CAVENLAUGH, MC, of Washington, D. C., formerly Army Medical Museum, Washington, D. C., assigned to Preventive Medicine Service, Infectious Disease Control Division.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LEE F. FERRELL, MC, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, formerly MDRP, Brooke General Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, assigned to Operations Service, Training Division, School Branch.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LELAND MEDER, DC, of Burlington, Vermont, formerly Central Dental Laboratory #2, US Forces, European Theater of Operations, assigned to Personnel Service, Office of Chief.



## ARRIVALS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL (Continued)

1ST LIEUTENANT JAMES H. STONE, MLC, of Palo Alto, California, formerly MDRP, Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California, assigned to Historical Division.

1ST LIEUTENANT BUELL B. WHITEHILL, MLC, of Arlington, Virginia, formerly Headquarters, Cahu Medical Service, APO 958, assigned to Historical Division.

CAPTAIN IRL M. PERRY, ANC, of Huntington, West Virginia, formerly Cushing General Hospital, Framingham, Massachusetts, assigned to Personnel Service, Military Personnel Division, Army Nurse Branch.

## DEPARTURES, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

COLONEL PAUL S. FINCHER, MC, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly Personnel Service, Office of Chief, assigned to MDRP, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort San Houston, Texas.

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COLONEL TOM F. WHAYNE, MC, of Clinton, Kentucky, formerly Personnel Service, Office of Chief, assigned to MDRP, Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

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LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRANK G. LESLIE, MC, of Butler, Pennsylvania, formerly Operations Service, Training Division, Troop Training Branch, assigned to MDRP, Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL MIDDLETON E. RANDOLPH, MC, of Washington, D. C., formerly Surgical Consultants Division, Ophthalmology Branch, assigned to Separation Center, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

MAJOR WILLIAM H. DUKE, Sig C, of Corning, New York, formerly Deputy Surgeon General, Army Medical Research & Development Board, Amputation & Prosthesis Unit, assigned to Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C.

MAJOR KERMIT G. DWORC, MC, of Forest Hills, New York, formerly Professional Administrative Service, Physical Standards Division, Disposition & Retirement Branch, assigned to Separation Center, Long Island, New York.

MAJOR JACK M. EVANS, MC, of Buffalo, New York, formerly Preventive Medicine Service, Infectious Disease Control Division, assigned to MDRP, Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

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CAPTAIN GEORGE I. ALLEN, MLC, of Washington, D. C., formerly Professional Administrative Service, Medical Statistics Division, Health Reports Branch, assigned to Separation Center, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

CAPTAIN IRVING A. BASSETT, MLC, of Washington, D. C., formerly Supply Service, Distribution Division, Distribution Control Branch, assigned to Separation Center, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.



## DEPARTURES, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL (Continued)

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1ST LIEUTENANT EDWARD S. BROWN, MC, of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly Deputy Surgeon General, Army Medical Research & Development Board, Amputation & Prosthesis Unit, assigned to Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

1ST LIEUTENANT WILMER M. DANKINS, MAC, of Washington, D. C., formerly Operations Service, Mobilization & Overseas Operations Division, Theater & Troop Units Branch, assigned to Separation Center, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland.

1ST LIEUTENANT WILLIAM W. GUY, MAC, of Warsaw, Indiana, formerly Personnel Service, Military Personnel Division, Procurement, Separation & Reserve Branch, assigned to Station Hospital, Fort Meyer, Virginia.

## PROMOTIONS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

### 2D LIEUTENANT TO 1ST LIEUTENANT

MAX L. HUTT, MAC, of New York, New York, Neuropsychiatry Consultants Division, Clinical Psychology Branch.